

CONGREGATION PRAYER REQUESTS

On Wednesday, April 1, **Delores Vander Werff** will be undergoing a mastectomy to remove her cancer as well as checking lymph nodes, to determine if some of them should be removed as well. Please keep Delores and her family in your prayers at this time.

On Thursday **Starla Reitsma** had a procedure done at Avera Hospital for back pain. Please pray for good results and clarification going forward to reach a solution.

Brent Elgersma passed away on Thursday. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. Brent is a step-son of Carol, step-brother of Brandi, and relative to others in our congregation.

Lifting Lambs to the Shepherd

Seth & Shelby Irmiter ~ Memphis, Wylie, Piper
Logan & Casey Baker ~ Alexis, Elaina, William
Mike & Kristie Verhoef

Young Adult of the Week –Kaylen Koldenhoven is attending Iowa State University in Ames. Notes to her in Brent & Lindsey's mailbox.

Thank you for all your support and great help with GEMS Sub Sandwich Fundraiser. We appreciate your willingness and participation. (Subs left in Church Frig.) **GEMS Counselors**

The **CES Board** thanks you for your donations and purchases at Bake Sale Fundraiser on Thursday.

Good Friday Passion Play - Friday, April 3 at Sibley/Ocheyedan High School Auditorium. There are 3 performances: 5 PM – 7 PM – 9 PM.

FREE tickets may be reserved by calling 754.2945 or email **ocmapassionplay@gmail.com** Tickets may be picked up on Friday – ½ hour prior to each performance. Any reserved tickets not claimed at this time will become available to the general public. Also, any seats that are empty 10 minutes prior to each performance will be make available.

**History is the accumulated stories of how
God is working in the lives of all the
individual people on the earth**

We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. The ALS system is available for those with hearing impairments.

WORSHIP NOTES

Our worship services are on Church's website sanbornrcr.com and YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcr/live>

Today is **Palm Sunday** when we remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem which began passion week.

First Fruits committee – please meet in Pastor's study after the AM service.

Tonight at 5 PM is **GEMS Sunday**. Girls and Counselors will participate throughout the service. Fellowship and snack afterwards.

Thursday, April 2, at 7 PM, we will hold a **Maundy Thursday Service and Celebrate the Lord's Supper** with First Reformed congregation in our church building. There is a Devotional in your church mailbox which can prepare us for Holy Week and Communion.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Our church will lead the service at **The Gospel Mission** in Sioux City, (tomorrow) Monday, March 30. Meet to carpool – leaving by 5:30 p.m.

Women's Bible study will meet Tuesday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m. We will study Lesson 5 "New Relationships", and Lana will provide lunch.

Pinewood Derby will be held at the Museum this week Wed., April 1. - Weigh-in of Cars is at 6:15 pm with races to follow at 7 pm. The URC Youth Group is also holding a Fundraising Supper ahead of time.

Guys! Love Inc is requesting help from our church in April with furniture distribution. Two dates: April 4 AM and April 16 PM. Please talk to Starla Reitsma if you are willing to help with this ministry.

SAVE these DATES

April 11 at 8:30 AM - Yard Clean-Up in Community

April 15 at 7:00 PM - Senior Citizens and Youth Night at the Museum

April 29 at 7:00 PM - Bake-Off Youth Fundraiser

May 7 at 6:30 PM - National Day of Prayer at Living Water Sheldon

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Openings for Sanborn Christian School for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact Mr. Minderhoud @ sanchr@sanbornchristian.com or @ 712-729-3288) for an application or for more detailed info.

1. Principal - PreK-8th grade building principal. Please contact Mr. Minderhoud for information regarding this position.

2. Educational Support / Resource Room - full time; salaried position. This position ensures that students receive the resources, accommodations, and interventions necessary to succeed in their educational environment.

3. 6th Grade Homeroom/Jr High Teacher - full time; salaried

4. Custodian / Janitor - part time; salaried position; effective immediately. Alternative contact - Mr. Lee Vellema.

5. Bus Driver - part time; paid per trip; position operates within the school calendar. Alternative contact - Mr. Cody Stange.

6. Athletic Director - part time; stipend available

SCS Auxiliary is selling [Eileen's Colossal Cookies](#) and [Tiefenthaler Brats!](#) [Orders and payment are due April 10.](#) Orders will be in the end of April. If you have not been contacted by a student and would like to order and support the school, please call Kelsey (441-5835) or Carrie (221-0891)

Cornerstone Prison Church Banquet Monday, April 13 at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Save your spot by Thursday, April 9 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org

Kingdom Boundaries Dinner & Silent Auction is April 23 at 6 p.m. (Doors open at 4:30 p.m.) at Embrace Church – Westside Campus, 100 N. Ebenezer Ave., Sioux Falls. Register by calling 605.667.0229 or go to office@KingdomBoundaries.org

“Courageous Twists and Turns” Feeling scared is okay, and being brave means trying even when your heart feels nervous. With God’s help, you can face hard things and do what’s right, just like Jesus did. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net

Jesus on the Cross - Even as he hung dying on the cross, he showed compassion and mercy when he offered words of salvation to a crucified thief and established a new kind of family. Experience the eleventh and twelfth Stations of the Cross and discuss how God continues to offer us that same mercy and belonging today at GroundworkOnline.com

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ March 29 – April 4
(Sanborn) Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp (Sheldon) Scott Horstman

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY - March 29

PPoint: Brent Koldenhoven

Video: Jeri Prins

Audio: Aaron Alons

Doors: Keven Van Meeteren

Valet Parking: Kevin Wiekamp

Nursery: Kristie V, Abbigail C

Greeters: Chet & Maria V Velde

Marlin & Linda V Velde

PM GEMS Girls

CIW: Shannon & Chloe R, Carol E

Accom: AM & PM Jamie Carlson

Offering: AM Budget, Bldg. Fund

PM GEMS International

Hospitality: Ben & Adrienne Reitsma

Nick & Sara Schilling

Rhonda Nelson

Next Week – April 5

Tonya Wiekamp

Aidan Carlson

Stefan Sybesma

Gerrit Wiekamp

Gerrit Wiekamp

Renee & Ezra Alons

Mike & Judy Visser

Keven & Robin Van Meeteren

EASTER – No Lesson

AM Jamie C PM Ava R

AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM Benevolence

Cody & Amber Stange

Jon & Tonja Hoogers

Erin & Jenny Campbell

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship- GEMS Sunday

Monday 5:30 p.m. Sioux City Gospel Mission
(meet to carpool)

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study – L 6

Wednesday 6:15 – 7 Weigh-in Pinewood Derby cars

7:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby at Museum

In Mailboxes: Newsletter from the Longkumer’s
Devotional for Holy Week (Communion)

Maundy Thursday service & Communion w/ First Reformed in our church at **7:00 p.m.**

Accom.– Starla Reitsma Valet Parking & Doors – Keven VM

Power Point – Brent K, Audio – Aaron A, Video – Jeri P

THE LORD'S DAY – March 29, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M
PALM SUNDAY
Pastor Phil Westra

Sermon Notes for March 29, 2026 AM Service
"As Jesus Draws Near"
Matthew 21:1–11

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

*Song: **"I Will Enter His Gates"**

*Call to Worship: *Psalm 118: 25 – 29*

*Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Song: **"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"** Red 145

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Confession: *John 1: 29*

Prayer of Confession

*Song: **"I Stand Amazed"** Red 174

Assurance of Pardon: *I Peter 3: 18*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd **Building Fund**

Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**

Children in Worship for 3 – 6 yr olds ~ Lesson 35

"Jesus the King"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: **Matthew 21: 1 – 11** (p 859)

Message: **"As Jesus Draws Near"**

Prayer of Application

*Song: **"All Glory Laud and Honor"** Red 146 vs 1, 2, 4, 5

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing: *Jude 24 - 25*

*Doxology: **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Red 965

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Introduction: Paradox

A. King

B. Glory

C. Salvation

D. Followers

THE LORD'S DAY – March 29, 2026
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
GEMS SUNDAY
Pastor Phil Westra

Sermon Notes for March 29, 2026 PM Service
"Stepping Out with Jesus"
Matthew 14: 22 - 33

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Ephesians 3: 12*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

GEMS Aim
GEMS ~ Theme Song "**Step Out**"
Litany (Join w/ "Congregation" and "All" parts)
*Song: "**My Lighthouse**" GEMS w/ Congregation

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Reading: **Matthew 14: 22 - 33** (page 853)
Meditation: "**Stepping Out with Jesus**"
Prayer of Application
*Song: "**Shine, Jesus, Shine**"

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Sharing Prayer Requests
Prayer of Intercession
Offertory: **Slide show of GEMS Year**
Offering: **GEMS International**

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: GEMS Singing ~ "**The Blessing**"
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Time of Fellowship with coffee, juice, cookies after service

Introduction: Like a Boat on the Water...

A. What we Discover about Jesus

B. What we Discover about being Disciples

C. Fear and Courage